

REMARKS

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

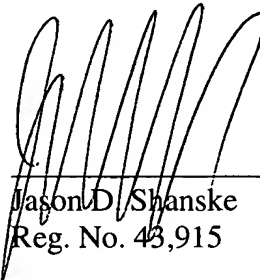
The applicant appreciates and acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 16-18 are allowed. Merely to advance the prosecution of the subject application, the applicant has cancelled claims 1-15 through the above amendments, which renders moot the rejection of claims 1-15.

Accordingly, claims 16-18 are in condition for allowance.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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